

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed 3/23/2005.
2. Claims 1-7 were received for consideration.
3. No preliminary amendments for the claims were filed. Currently claims 1-7 are under consideration.

Priority

4. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. **Claims 1-7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mathew et al. (20040003071).

As per **claim 1**, Mathew et al. discloses: A method for controlling a user access is to an additional content related to a main content, from a player designed so as to allow the setting of at least a parental level, said method comprising a user identification step for identifying said user, said user identification step comprising a parental level recovery step for recovering a parental level (0046).

As per **claim 7**, Mathew et al. discloses: a player, a transmission network, and a server, said player comprising setting means for setting at least a parental level,

sending means for sending to said server via said transmission network a user request for access to an additional content related to a main content, said server comprising user identification means for identifying the user who sent a user request, said user identification means comprising parental level recovery means for recovering a parental level set in said player and applicable to said user, and access control means for controlling said user access depending on the recovered parental level (0044-0046).

As per **claim 2**, Mathew discloses: a user access control method as claimed in claim 1, said method being applicable to registered users for which a user identifier and a parental level are stored in a user information database, said method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a user identifier input provided by a user, and
- recovering the parental level to be applied to said user by searching said user identifier input in said user information database (0046).

As per **claim 3**, Mathew discloses: instructions for implementing a user access control method as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, when said program is executed by a processor (0046).

As per **claim 4**, Mathew discloses: storage means storing a program comprising instructions for implementing a user access control method as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2 when said program is executed by a processor (0046).

As per **claim 5**, Mathew discloses: processing means for executing a program comprising instructions for implementing a user access control method as claimed in claim 1, when a portable carrier storing said program is present in said player (0046).

As per **claim 6**, Mathew discloses: processing means and storage means, said storage means storing a user information database intended to be used when executing a program comprising instructions for implementing a user access control method as claimed in claim 2, when said program is executed by said processing means (0046).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAOUSSEN BESROUR whose telephone number is (571)272-6547. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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